



Year 4 Curriculum Newsletter

Autumn Term 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! We hope you have had a brilliant summer and are now fully rejuvenated and ready for the year ahead. This newsletter will detail the various topics that we will be covering this term. On the reverse, you will find other important information and significant dates for your calendar. Keep an eye on [Seesaw](#) to ensure that you receive the latest updates and notifications.

English

This term we will be delivering our English lessons based around different texts linked to our topic.

The main text will be:

Escape from Pompeii – Christina Balit

This will be supplemented by other texts and stimuli.

The children will take part in a variety of speaking and listening activities as well as participating in drama and role play. Grammar, punctuation and spelling will be taught both through the texts and in separate skills lessons.

Reading is incredibly important at Carrington Junior School and will be a focus across all areas of the curriculum. All the children will have a reading book from the Big Cat Reading Scheme which they will be expected to read at home for at least ten minutes five times a week. Activities are provided at the back of Big cat books for you to complete with your child. We are happy for you to supplement your reading with other exciting texts so please record these too!

Maths

This term, we will cover the fundamentals of the subject – place value, a focus of the four operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division).

We will all be working on the Year 4 curriculum and will be using lots of resources in order to support the children's understanding.

It is really important that the children experience maths in the real world so please take the opportunity to discuss shopping budgets and other 'real life' maths applications.

Science

This term we are beginning with **Animals Including Humans** where we will be focusing on healthy eating, teeth and the digestive system.

We will then be moving on to **Living Things in their Habitats** where we will be looking at food chains, classification keys and how living things are suited to their environment.

Topic

This term our topic is called **What Did the Romans Do For Us?** and we will be teaching this through a variety of learning experiences. Our cross-curricular approach will include History, Geography, DT and Art. As part of this topic, we will be learning about the daily lives of Romans. We will also be looking at significant events during the Roman period and understanding why they occurred. We hope to organise a hands-on Roman Day later in the term to help support the children's knowledge and understanding.

PSHE

PSHE is still incredibly important this year. This term the children will be focusing on **Health and Wellbeing**. This will include looking at physical and mental health, healthy habits and personal hygiene.

Homework

For the convenience of everyone, the homework will be posted online.

Reading – this should be recorded at least five times a week and records will be checked weekly.

Spellings – words will be posted on Friday and need to be learned in preparation for a weekly spelling test the following Friday.

Maths – weekly activities will be set on Mathletics. These will need to be completed before the children can access any other sections of the program.

Other – a homework grid will be posted half-termly and your child needs to make one choice per week from these tasks.

Other Info

Both classes will have PE on Tuesday afternoon and Thursday morning. Please ensure that kits are in school on those days. If, for a medical reason, your child cannot participate in a lesson, a letter must be supplied.

Both PE kits and school uniform should be labelled with your child's name. This should also be the case for his/her coat, bag and lunchbox. To see correct PE kit and school uniform, please refer to the school website. Please also ensure that all equipment in your child's pencil case is labelled. We will encourage the children to let you know as soon as any of their equipment needs replenishing, however, it would be helpful if you could check their stock periodically.

Covid regulations permitting, we are hoping to arrange an outdoor activity day trip during the first term. We will let you know the details as soon as we have them.

We are very much looking forward to this year and hope your child is too. If you have any questions or concerns regarding your child's progress or welfare, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Randall, Mr Shand

and the **Year Four** team

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